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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni  
Administrator and Chief Clerk  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
P O Drawer 11649  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Docket No. 2005-210-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On July 15, 2005, Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke Energy") filed in this docket its application for authorization to enter into a business combination transaction with Cinergy Corp. ("Merger"). This letter is to inform the Commission that in connection with the Merger, Duke Energy filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on August 5, 2005, an Application for Consent to the Indirect Transfer of Control of Licenses and for Conforming License Amendments Pursuant to 10 CFR 10.80, 10 CFR 50.90, 10 CFR 72.50, and 10 CFR 72.56 ("NRC Application").

The NRC Application, which is pending, seeks the NRC's consent to the indirect transfer of control of the licenses for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, and the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. In connection with the Merger, Duke Energy, the current licensee of these plants, will become a subsidiary of a new holding company called Duke Energy Holding Company, will be converted to a North Carolina limited liability company and re-named Duke Power Company LLC. Duke Power, as the

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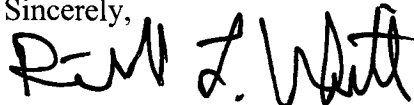
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converted form of Duke Energy, will continue to own its interests in the nuclear units and will retain the operational responsibility for those units.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Austin". The signature is stylized with a large "W" and "A".

William F. Austin

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cc: C. Dukes Scott, Office of Regulatory Staff